

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): William T. Hamrick  
SERIAL NUMBER: NEW APPLICATION  
FILING DATE: HEREWITH  
FOR: PORTABLE COVERED WALKWAY UNIT AND  
METHOD FOR CONSTRUCTING A COVERED  
WALKWAY PATH  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 623484.00002

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Portable Covered Walkway Unit and Method for Constructing a Covered Walkway Path, the specification of which is filed herewith. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/178,942 filed February 1, 2000, under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

As named sole inventor, I hereby appoint Stefan V. Stein, Registration Number 29,702, Sara A. Schifino, Registration Number 40,543, Harvey S. Kauget, Registration Number 41,108, Michael J. Colitz, III, Registration No. 37,010 and Anderson L. Baldy, Registration No. 40,496, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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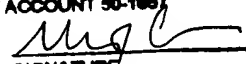
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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled Portable Covered Walkway Unit and Method for Constructing a Covered Walkway Path described in the specification filed herewith.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed nor am I under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention to any person, concern or organization.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application, notification or any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

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